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1850	Kivas Tully.	Geo. L. Allen.	Wm. Cassidy, P.M.	John Carr.
1851	Kivas Tully.	Geo. L. Allen.	Wm. Davis.	John Carr.
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BRIEF HISTORY  
OF  
KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, NO. 22.



BY R. W. BRO. DANIEL SPRY.



On the 27th of December, 1845, a number of Brethren of the Fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, who were not members of any of the Lodges then working in Toronto, were convened  
**1845.** by W. Bro. Wm. Cassidy, Past Master of Union Lodge, No. 105, Tandragee, Ireland, at the Tyrone Inn, Queen Street West, near York Street, then kept by the late Bro. John Trueman. (The building in which this meeting was held has since been destroyed by fire.) Bro. Cassidy, who, it appears, was the moving spirit, urged the brethren to make an application for a warrant for a new Lodge, and, after some discussion, the meeting was adjourned to a future day, with a view to obtain a larger attendance.

Accordingly, another meeting was held at the same place  
**1846.** in January, 1846, at which there were present Bros. W. Cassidy, John Trueman, David Hopkins, Richard Brethweight, Robert Moore and John McLaughlin. A deputation was appointed to wait upon Bro. Francis Richardson, Provincial Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, to request his assistance in obtaining a Warrant. Bro. Richardson declined to grant the request of the deputation, as in his opinion the Lodges then in existence in Toronto were quite sufficient for all Masonic purposes.

A third meeting was held on the second Thursday in February, at Bro. Trueman's, to which the deputation reported the result of their conference with the P. Grand Secretary. The brethren present, not being satisfied with Bro. Richardson's refusal, prepared a petition to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, praying for a warrant to empower the petitioners to meet as a Regular Lodge, to be named "KING SOLOMON'S LODGE OF TORONTO," and it was signed by Bros. John Trueman, R. Brethweight, David Hopkins, William Cassidy, John McLaughlin, Thomas Kennedy, and Andrew McElrea; and they recommended Bro. Trueman for W. M., Bro. Brethweight for S. W., and Bro. Hopkins for J. W.

The petition was forwarded to W. Bro. Hiram Cassidy, the then W. M. of Union Lodge, No. 105, Tandragee, Ireland, who got Lodges Nos. 79, 82, and 105 of that place to recommend the petition to the favourable consideration of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland,

On the 8th September, a communication, dated the 15th of August, was received from Bro. Geo. Rankin, Assistant Deputy Grand Secretary, stating that the prayer of the petitioners had been granted, and on receipt of the necessary funds a warrant would be issued. This request was attended to, and on the 25th March, 1847, the Warrant, dated 3rd February, 1847, and numbered 222, reached 1847. Toronto, and on the second Thursday in April the brethren met and made arrangements to have the rooms, which they had leased from Bro. Trueman, properly fitted up, and on St. John's Day (24th June) the first meeting of the Lodge was held, and the following officers installed by W. Bros. Past Masters Robert McClure, Donald McLean, and Thos. Forsyth, of St. Andrew's Lodge, namely :—

W. Bro. WILLIAM CASSIDY,	- - - -	W. M.
" DAVID HOPKINS,	- - - -	S. W.
" THOMAS KENNEDY,	- - - -	J. W.
" JOHN TRUEMAN,	- - - -	Treasurer.
" SOLOMON CASSIDY,	- - - -	Secretary, <i>pro tem.</i>
" ROBERT MOORE,	- - - -	S. D.
" ANDREW McELREA,	- - - -	J. D.
" WILLIAM LEONARD,	- - - -	I. G.
" JOHN McLAUGHLIN,	- - - -	Tyler.

Bro. Trueman was not installed as W. M., as was originally intended, as the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland would not permit the landlord of a public house to hold office in a Lodge which held its meetings in his house ; and Bro. Brethweight, who had been named for S. W., died before the arrival of the Warrant. Three applications for membership were received at this meeting, and on the second Thursday in August the first candidate (Mr. Thomas Armstrong) was initiated. The Lodge prospered under the able care of Bro.

1848. Cassidy, and he was succeeded on the 24th of June, 1848, by Bro. Thomas Armstrong.

It may seem strange that a brother should be elected Master within less than a year from the date of his initiation ; but it appears that Bro. Armstrong was highly esteemed by his brethren, and to render him eligible for the chair, the S. W. resigned, and he was elected to fill the vacancy. He laboured zealously during his term of office, and was succeeded by W. Bro. Thomas Paul, who was installed on

1849. the 24th of June, 1849, who held the office for one year. During his term of office the Lodge became tenants of Ionic Lodge, and met in the rooms then occupied by that Lodge, over the store of Messrs. A. Dixon & Son, King Street East.

On the 9th May, 1850, W. Bro. Kivas Tully was elected a 1850. member of the Lodge under peculiar circumstances. It appears that it was the wish of the brethren that Bro. Tully, who had been Master of Ionic Lodge, should be elected Master of this Lodge ; and with that object in view, a deputation waited upon him, and requested him to become a member. Bro. Tully consented, and at the regular meeting in June, he was unanimously elected Master, and installed on St. John's Day.

The Lodge celebrated St. John's day (24th June) by an 1851. Excursion to Lewiston and Manchester, where the brethren were received and entertained by Frontier Lodge of Lewiston, N.Y., and on the following day Bro. Tully, who had been re-

elected, was installed Master for the second time, by R. W. Bro. T. D. Harrington.

On the 9th October the thanks of the Lodge were tendered to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the kind and fraternal reception tendered to the brethren of this Lodge, on their late visit to Boston, during the "Railroad Jubilee."

During the time Bro. Tully occupied the Master's chair, the Lodge grew rapidly under his careful guidance, and he was succeeded by Bro. Geo. L. Allen, who was installed on 24th June, 1852, and held office until June, 1854.

During Bro. Allen's term of office the first complaints of this Lodge appear to have been made in reference to the want of a Grand Lodge in Canada; and in a communication, dated 26th February, 1853, addressed to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the Lodge complained of the excessive fees collected from Canadian Lodges.

On the 24th June, the deputation which had been appointed to wait upon St. Andrew's Lodge, to arrange for the leasing of Lodge rooms jointly, laid before the Lodge the articles of agreement, which had been signed by W. Bro. Barron, on behalf of St. Andrew's Lodge, and W. Bro. Kivas Tully on behalf of this Lodge. This agreement provided for the leasing of the rooms known as the "Odd Fellows' Hall," situated on the north-east corner of Church and Court Streets, being the upper portion of the building at present occupied by the British American Assurance Co. Some alterations were made in the agreement drawn up by the Committee, by King Solomon's Lodge, which St. Andrew's Lodge refused to confirm, and the union was not, in consequence, carried into effect.

On the 30th August these rooms were leased by this Lodge, and meetings were held there until the removal of the Lodge to the Western Assurance building.

To this Lodge is due the honour of having called the first Convention, which ultimately led to the formation of the present Grand Lodge of Canada, for at the regular meeting of the Lodge held on the 10th Nov., 1853, the following resolutions were adopted:

Proposed by V. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, P.M., seconded by Bro. Chas. Fitzgibbon, Senior Warden, and

*Resolved*,—"1st. That, considering the rapid increase of Lodges working under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, being now ten in number, and the necessity that exists for having a ruling power in Canada West—it is desirable that a convention, to be composed of the W. Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of said Lodges, be held forthwith, to consult on the best means to be adopted for attaining the above object, and for the benefit of the Craft generally in Canada West.

"2nd. That, owing to the lateness of the season, and for the greater convenience of the Delegates from the several Lodges, it is advisable that the said convention be held in Hamilton, on Thursday, the 24th of this month, at noon, and that a communication be forwarded to Saint John's Lodge, No. 231, Hamilton, requesting the use of their Lodge room for the purpose,—and in order to give Masonic sanction to the proceedings of the said Convention, the W. Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 231, be and is hereby requested to call an Emergency of the Lodge on that day, there being nothing in the Constitution contrary to such a proceeding.

"3rd. That copies of the above resolutions be forwarded to the several Lodges working under the Irish Jurisdiction in Canada West, requesting that the duly qualified Delegates, as above stated, attend the Masonic Convention, as matters of the utmost importance to the progress of Masonry in Canada West will be discussed."

Circulars were accordingly issued to St. John's Lodge, 209, London, St. John's, 231, Hamilton, St. John's, 286, York, King Hiram, 226, Ingersoll, and the remaining six Lodges holding Irish Warrants. The Convention was held on the day named, and W. Bro. Thos. Bird Harris, W. M. of St. John's Lodge, 231, Hamilton, was chosen President, and Bro. R. C. McMullen, of King Solomon's Lodge, 222, Toronto, was appointed Secretary. After mature deliberation the Convention decided to establish an Independent Grand Lodge for Canada West.

An Emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th December, to receive the report of the Delegates. After reading the resolutions adopted by the Convention, it was

*Resolved*.—"That the Resolutions of the Convention, held in Hamilton, on Thursday, the 24th ult., having been fully discussed and considered by this Lodge—the members, in open Lodge assembled, are of opinion, that with all due reverence for the M. W., the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and for the benefit of the Order generally throughout this Province, the recommendation of the Convention, for the establishment of an Independent Grand Lodge for Canada West is the most advisable course that could be adopted, and that the duly qualified Delegates be requested to attend the adjourned Convention to be held in London, on Thursday, the 4th May, 1854, for the purpose of establishing the said Independent Grand Lodge."—Carried unanimously.

*Resolved*.—"That the duly qualified Delegates be instructed to direct the attention of the Convention to the importance of inviting the co-operation of the several Lodges working under the English jurisdiction, in establishing an Independent Grand Lodge, as it is desirable that an unanimous action, in taking so important a step, should be cultivated as far as lies in the power of the Convention—with a due regard to the speedy settlement of the question."—Carried unanimously.

One hundred copies of these resolutions were ordered to be printed and circulated, and the following communication was addressed to all the Lodges in Canada West :

"TORONTO, 17th December, 1853.

"Dear Sir & Brother,—I have the honour to forward a Copy of Resolutions, passed at a meeting of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 222, on the Grand Registry of Ireland, passed unanimously last evening—and to request the co-operation of your Lodge in the contemplated objects, which are intended for the promotion of harmony and union among Freemasons in Canada.

"By Order.

W. CLARKE, Secretary."

1854. At the meeting held on the 13th April, a letter received from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in reference to the action of the Lodge in endeavouring to form a Grand Lodge, was read. The Lodge ordered it to be sent to the Secretary of the Convention, to be held in London.

April 13th, a Communication was received from the P. Grand Lodge of England, inviting the Lodge to unite with them in laying the corner stone of the Toronto Mechanics' Institute, which was accepted, and on the 17th April the interesting ceremony was performed.

The second Convention of the Delegates from the various Irish Lodges, was held at London, on the 4th May, 1854, and resolved "That a provisional Committee be appointed to draft a Constitution for the government of the Grand Lodge of Canada<sup>West</sup>, to be submitted to an adjourned meeting of this Convention, to be held at Hamilton, said Committee to consist of V. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, W. Bros. James Daniels, R. Henwood, Wm. Young, Elisha Hall, and V. W. Bro. Kivas Tully." V. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris was chosen President. The adjourned Convention assembled at Hamilton on the 19th October, to receive the Report of the Committee. They were not, however, prepared with a Report of the result of their proceedings, and the Convention again adjourned to meet at Toronto.

Accordingly the Convention met in King Solomon's Lodge room, Toronto, on the 9th November, 1854, when it was

*Resolved*,—"That the offer of a Provincial Grand Lodge, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland, leaving the Nomination of the Provincial Grand Master to this Convention, be accepted, provided that the Grand Lodge grant to this Provincial Grand Lodge the privilege of issuing Warrants and Certificates, retaining the fees. A nominal value for such privilege to be fixed by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge."

*Resolved*,—"That W. Brothers P. M's. Tully and Allen do draft a statement of facts showing why such powers are required, to be submitted to the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland."

In accordance with the last resolution, W. Bros. Tully and Allen sent the following letter to the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland :

"The undersigned having been appointed by resolution to draft a statement of facts, showing why certain privileges are required by the Brethren in this Province, beg to submit the following :—

"1st. The rapid increase of Lodges working under Warrants from the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ireland, demands a local governing authority.

"2nd. The difficulty experienced in corresponding with the M. W. the Grand Lodge, and consequent detriment to the Craft, requires that the Provincial Grand Lodge for this Province should have more extended powers than is usually granted by the Constitution.

"3rd. The objections to remit the Fees for Warrants and Certificates, being a yearly amount sufficient to form the basis of a Benevolent Fund, which is much required in this Province.

"The undersigned humbly submit, that should the prayer of the resolution be granted by the M. W. the Grand Lodge, it would do more for the prosperity of the Craft in this Province than any other course that could be adopted ; in fact it would tend to cement the bonds of Universal Brotherhood more closely, and would eventually lead to a junction of all Lodges working under other jurisdictions, thereby avoiding the impending necessity of forming an independent Grand Lodge.

"The undersigned also respectfully submit that the great delay caused by the irregular communication with the Grand Lodge, when promptness is required, particularly in reference to Certificates, justifies the private Lodges in claiming more extended powers than is provided for in the Constitutions. And the fact that several distressed Brethren from England and Scotland, as well as Ireland, have been annually

relieved by the private Lodges here, whereas comparatively few if any Canadian Brethren have claimed assistance from the Parent Grand Lodge, requires the most serious consideration of the M. W. the Grand Lodge, as to a reduction of the fees—And in carrying out this arrangement, we respectfully urge that an annual amount, to be fixed by the M. W. the Grand Lodge, would be the most satisfactory mode of settlement.

"The undersigned, in conclusion, would state, on behalf of the several Lodges working under the Irish jurisdiction, that in adopting this course, they are solely influenced by the desire to further the interests of the Order generally, and not by a rebellious or factious spirit—and should the M. W. the Grand Lodge consider it advisable to adopt any other course that would carry out the intentions of the Representatives of the several Lodges, they would be prepared to adopt it, and humbly submit to the decision of the M. W. the Grand Lodge.

"All which is respectfully submitted.

(Signed,)

"KIVAS TULLY, P.M., No. 222,

"G. L. ALLEN, P.M., "

"TORONTO, November 29th, 1854."

To which the following reply was received :

"FREE MASONS' HALL, DUBLIN, IRELAND,  
8th January, 1855.

1855.

"Dear Sir and Brother,—I am directed to inform you, that the resolutions forwarded through you and Bro. G. L. Allen, P. M., No. 222, and Bro. Tully, from a Convention of Delegates meeting in the Hall of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 222, at Toronto, on the 9th November, 1854, were duly laid before the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland, on Thursday evening, the 4th January, 1855; and the M. W. the Grand Lodge were pleased to confirm the Report of the Board of General Purposes, who had them previously under their consideration. The decision of the Grand Lodge is, viz :

"That the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland cannot recommend His Grace the Duke of Leinster, the M. W. the Grand Master, to grant a Provincial Grand Lodge to Memorialists on any other terms than those usually granted, and with the prescribed powers granted to other Provincial Grand Lodges."

"But I am directed to assure the Brethren in Canada West, &c., that the Grand Lodge deeply regret that any inconvenience has arisen by the irregularity of the correspondence with the Brethren from the Grand Secretary's office, and to state that arrangements have now been made that such irregularities for the future shall not occur. The sudden death of our Brother, George Rankin, Deputy Assistant Secretary, in September, placed the affairs of the office in some little confusion. The Committee appointed to regulate the office, have concluded their sittings, and their suggestions are now acted on, and I am sure will give every possible satisfaction to the order generally. The Grand Lodge, at its last meeting, appointed Bro. Lucius H. Deering, Deputy Ass. tant Secretary, in room of our lamented Brother, G. Rankin.

"I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours, fraternally,

"S. FOWLER, D. G. S.

"BRO. R. C. McMULLEN,

"Secretary to Convention,

"Masonic Hall, Toronto, Canada West."



The foregoing letter was laid before King Solomon's Lodge for their consideration, and at the meeting held on the 10th May, 1855, after considerable discussion, it was

*Resolved*,—"That the Delegates of this Lodge be instructed to advocate at the meeting in Hamilton, on the 14th instant, (14th May, 1855) a united action with the English Lodges of Canada West, for the purpose of petitioning the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland, to grant a united separate Grand Lodge for this Province."

The Convention assembled at Hamilton on the 14th May, 1855, and appointed a Delegation, consisting of V. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, W. Bros. James Daniels, Geo. L. Allen, and R. C. McMullen, to attend the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, to be held at Niagara Falls, on the 19th July, to urge the propriety of united action in the erection of an Independent Grand Lodge.

**24th June.**—Bro. James E. Smith was installed W. Master, and held the office for two years. While he presided in the East the Grand Lodge of Canada was formed, and during those trying times he displayed marked ability and was a faithful exponent of the views of the Lodge on the question of independence.

**July 12th.**—V. W. Bros. Tully and Allen were appointed delegates from this Lodge to attend the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of England, to be held at Niagara Falls, on the 19th July. At this meeting a motion was made "For calling a meeting of Delegates from all the Masonic Lodges in the Province, to consider the propriety of establishing a Canadian Grand Lodge," which motion the R. W. D. P. G. Master ruled out of order. This not proving satisfactory to many of the brethren, a meeting of the Delegates and Representatives of various Lodges under the jurisdiction of England and Ireland, was held, after the adjournment of the Provincial Grand Lodge, at which it was unanimously resolved "That a Convention of Delegates be held at Hamilton, on the 2nd Wednesday in October next, for the purpose of considering the expediency of establishing an Independent Grand Lodge of Canada, and to proceed with such matters as may be deemed most desirable for the benefit of Masonry in this Province."

**October 2nd.**—Bros. James E. Smith, Geo. L. Allen, John McGee, and E. R. O'Brien, were appointed Delegates to attend the Convention at Hamilton, with instructions "to vote in favour of an Independent Grand Lodge." The Lodge held their first meeting in their New Hall, Western Assurance Co's buildings, S. W. corner Church and Colborne Streets.

**November 8th.**—Bro. McGee, S.W., reported on behalf of the Delegates to the Convention at Hamilton, that "they had voted as instructed by the Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada is formed upon the Ancient Charges and Constitution of Masonry." The Lodge endorsed the action of their Representatives in voting for an Independent Grand Lodge.

**December 19th.**—The Grand Master of Canada, Col. W. M. Willson, visited the Lodge, and an address was presented to him, in which it was stated that, "as one of the foremost Lodges who have fought for independence, we feel proud of having the first opportunity of publicly acknowledging our Grand Master."

**Jan. 18th.**—A motion was passed to surrender the Irish 1856. Warrant, and "to apply immediately to the Grand Lodge of Canada for a new Warrant," and on the 19th February a

dispensation was received, and soon after a Warrant was issued, bearing the No. 16.

**May 8th.**—A Committee was appointed to meet Committees from St. Andrew's and Ionic Lodges, to arrange for all the Lodges to meet in one Hall, and on June 12, the Committee presented their report; but in consequence of the action of St. Andrew's and Ionic Lodges, in adhering to the P. Grand Lodge, no action was taken on the Report. On the same date, the Grand Master visited the Lodge and delivered a lecture.

**July 7th.**—The Grand Master consecrated and dedicated the Masonic Hall belonging to this Lodge; and, immediately after, he installed the first officers of Rehoboam Lodge—an offshoot from King Solomon's Lodge.

**May 8th.**—The Grand Master of Canada, R. W. Bro. Robt. Morris; Grand S. W., Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and several distinguished brethren from American and Canadian Lodges, visited the Lodge, and R. W. Bro. Morris delivered a lecture on the First Degree, and on the 13th May, R. W. Bro. Morris again lectured before the Lodge.

**June 24th.**—Bro. W. H. Millar was duly installed W. Master, and he also held the office for two years. During Bro. Millar's term of office a number of the brethren withdrew for the purpose of forming the Wilson Lodge.

**1858.** The union of all the Lodges under one Grand Lodge having been consummated, this Lodge received a new No.—22.

**January 13th.**—A Committee was appointed "to confer with the Grand Lodge in reference to establishing a 'Masonic Home' to receive destitute brethren."

**1859.** Home' to receive destitute brethren."

**March 10.**—The Lodge united with the Sister City Lodges in forming the Central Benevolent Committee.

**June 24th, 1859.**—Bro. Henry J. Gear was installed W. Master, and was succeeded on the **24th June, 1860**, by Bro. Oliver Gable, who held the office for two years, and **1862.** on the **24th June, 1862**, Bro. Daniel Spry was installed as Master.

**14th August.**—An Address and a Past Master's Jewel was presented to Bro. Gable, P.M., on his departure from Toronto.

**February 11th.**—A Communication was received from **1864.** St. Andrew's Lodge, requesting that a Committee might be appointed to confer with Committees from the other Lodges, on the subject of the Union of the Lodges in one Hall. The W.M. was authorised to appoint a Committee as requested, and he named three brethren for that purpose. The Committee had several meetings, and on the 12th May presented their Report, recommending the Lodge to become tenants of St. Andrew's Lodge, in the Toronto Street Hall. The Report did not meet with the approval of the members, and the scheme of Union was again abandoned.

**June, 24th.**—Bro. C. W. Bunting succeeded Bro. Spry as W. Master, and for two years held the office.

**May 9th.**—The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, paid the Lodge an official visit. The Lodge adjourned to the Toronto Street Hall, where the Grand Master was entertained by the brethren of the Toronto Lodges.

**July 14th.**—The Grand Lodge being in Session in Toronto, the City Lodges entertained the Grand Master and Members of Grand Lodge, at a Banquet in the Music Hall, on the 14th July. V. W. Bro. C. W. Bunting presided.

While the Lodge was under the charge of W. Bro. Bunting, it maintained its high character, and on the 24th June, 1866, he was succeeded by V. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, who, for the third time, was installed Master.

**August 9th.**—The W. M. directed the attention of the Lodge to the advisability of again considering the question of a Union of all the Lodges in securing one Hall, to be used for Masonic purposes, when a Resolution was adopted inviting the co-operation of the various City Lodges, and instructing the W. M. to appoint a Committee. He named W. Bro. C. W. Bunting, P.M.; Bros. Aug. T. Houel, S.W.; James Adams, D. McLellan, and D. Spry, on behalf of this Lodge. The City Lodges heartily responded to the invitation, and after many meetings of the Joint Committee, W. Bro. Bunting, who had laboured earnestly on behalf of the Union, on the 11th of April, 1867, submitted the result of their labours. The Lodge confirmed the action of the Committee, and the W. M. signed the articles of agreement, and affixed the seal of the Lodge thereto, by which the Lodge united with the Toronto Lodges in leasing the Masonic Hall, Toronto Street.

**June 24th.**—Bro. Augustus T. Houel was installed as Master. On the 14th November he had the honour of finally consummating the Union, which, some three years previous, had been originated by W. Bro. John Paterson, of St. Andrew's Lodge, and the then W. M. of this Lodge, by holding the first meeting of the Lodge in the Toronto Street Hall.

**Dec. 12th.**—The Lodge recommended to the favourable consideration of the Grand Master the petition of several of our brethren, praying for a Warrant to open a Lodge at Oakville, to be named White Oak Lodge.

W. Bro. Houel presided for one year, and, on retiring from office, was presented with a Past Master's Collar, and Gold Jewel, expressive of the high esteem in which he was held by his brethren. He was succeeded on the 24th June by V. W. Bro. Daniel Spry.

In conclusion, I will merely say, that as the members of this Lodge appear to have taken an active part in all the Masonic questions which have arisen during the past twenty years, I trust that we will ever do our duty in maintaining those happy relations which should at all times exist among the Fraternity.



BY - LAWS  
OF  
King Solomon's Lodge, A. F. & A. M.,  
NO. 22, G. R. C.

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*Read and Confirmed at the Regular Communication held  
10th September, 1868.*

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PREAMBLE.

Order and regularity being essentially necessary for the preservation of that harmony which should characterize Free Masons, the brethren of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, having repealed all former By-laws, do enact the following :—

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Lodge shall be known as "King Solomon's" Lodge, No. 22, G.R.C.

ARTICLE II.

SUBORDINATION.

This Lodge shall at all times pay due respect and obedience to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and

Accepted Masons of Canada, and to all orders and regulations made by the said Grand Lodge.

### ARTICLE III.

#### MEETINGS.

The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second Thursday of every Month, and also on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist (but if either of the Festivals should occur on a Sunday, then on the following day), at such hour as the Master shall appoint, of which the members shall be notified.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS.

1. The Officers of this Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed, as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed. The following officers shall be elected by ballot at the first regular meeting in June, viz:—The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, two Representatives to the Masonic Hall Trust, and, by an open vote of the Lodge, the Tyler.

#### APPOINTING OFFICERS.

2. The following Officers shall be appointed by the Master, on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, viz:—Senior and Junior Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Inner Guard, two Stewards, three members of the Committee of General Purposes, and a Representative to the Benevolent Committee.

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

3. The Installation of Officers shall take place on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

## WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

4. That beyond the ancient charges and regulations, and the duties laid down by the Book of Constitution, the Master is responsible for the safe keeping of the Warrant, and other Lodge records, books and papers, and, with the Wardens, shall hold all the furniture, jewels, and other property of the Lodge, in trust for the members, and shall see to the efficient insurance of the same against loss by fire. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, and be *ex-officio* a member of all committees.

## SENIOR WARDEN.

5. That beyond the regular duties appertaining to his office, the Senior Warden shall, under the Master, specially see to the proper keeping of the jewels and property of the Lodge, and shall examine the inventory of the same immediately before entering into office.

## JUNIOR WARDEN.

6. The Junior Warden, with the assistance of the Stewards, shall, under the authority of the Lodge, make the necessary arrangements for refreshments on all occasions, and he shall be, *ex-officio*, chief of the Stewards.

## CHAPLAIN.

7. The duties of the Chaplain speak for themselves, but it is very desirable to have his punctual and regular

attendance, that the Lodge may not only be opened and closed in due and ancient form, but with solemn prayer.

#### TREASURER.

8. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys belonging to the Lodge, and pay all certified accounts, keeping a regular account of the same. His books and vouchers must be ready for the inspection of the Officers of the Lodge at any time. They shall be delivered by him to his successor in office, in open Lodge, at the time of installation, together with all moneys remaining in his hands.

#### SECRETARY.

9. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, in accordance with the prescribed form ; notify all members of the meetings at least seven days before the time of holding ; prepare and deliver to the Master all returns required by the Grand Lodge ; receive all moneys paid by members or others to the Lodge, and promptly pay over the same to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the master may require. He shall be exempt from all Lodge dues.

#### DEACONS.

10. The Deacons shall attend the Master and Wardens in opening the Lodge, and in the ceremonies and preparation of candidates, and otherwise as the Master and Wardens may direct.



## DIRECTOR OF CEREMONEIS.

11. The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the Lodge is properly prepared, that all brethren appear in Lodge in the clothing prescribed by the Book of Constitution, and, to the best of his ability, see that every brother is placed according to his station. He shall act as Marshal on all public occasions.

## STEWARDS.

12. The Stewards shall, under the direction of the Junior Warden, assist in the arrangements for furnishing refreshments.

## INNER GUARD.

13. The Inner Guard shall attend each meeting punctually at the hour named in the summons, to guard the interior of the Lodge at its opening, to receive visitors and examine all candidates for admission, and give directions to the Tyler.

## TYLER.

14. The Tyler shall attend punctually, and diligently watch the exterior of the Lodge, see that all candidates are properly prepared, that brethren register their names, and are properly clothed ; that the jewels are properly and safely kept, and shall perform such other duties as the Lodge may require of him. He shall be entitled to such salary as the Lodge may prescribe on the recommendation of the Committee of General Purposes, and shall be exempt from Lodge dues.

## COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

15. The Committee of General Purposes shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Secretary, three other members, and such Past Masters as may be chosen by the Lodge. They shall have charge of the finances ; shall audit all accounts, and, when found correct, recommend the same for payment. They shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relative to the accounts, and shall give orders for any alteration required therein ; they shall have power to summon the Treasurer, Secretary, or other member having possession of any books or papers belonging to the Lodge, to attend the Committee ; they shall meet whenever summoned by the Senior Warden (who shall be chairman), three to form a quorum, and the result of their proceedings shall be reported in writing to the Lodge at its next meeting ; they shall present an annual report on the Festival of St. John the Baptist, showing the progress made during the preceding twelve months, the state of the finances, the names of all brethren in arrear for dues, with such suggestions as they may deem advisable.

## REPRESENTATIVE TO BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE.

16. It shall be the duty of the Representative to the Benevolent Committee to attend all meetings of the said Committee and aid in dispensing relief in such manner as may be decided on. He shall pay special attention to all cases recommended for his consideration by the Master, and shall report to the Lodge on the Festival of St. John the Baptist.

## REPRESENTATIVES TO THE MASONIC HALL TRUST.

17. It shall be the duty of the Trustees of this Lodge at the Masonic Hall Trust, to attend all meetings of the Board as the Representatives of the Lodge; they shall obey all instructions given them by the Lodge, and shall perform such other duties as may devolve upon them under the provisions of the Masonic Hall agreement. Any act or agreement made by them in opposition to the expressed will of the Lodge shall be null and void.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

18. No member shall be eligible to be installed to office who may be in arrear for dues to the Lodge.

## ARTICLE V.

## INITIATION.

1. Every candidate for initiation, or for membership, shall sign a petition in accordance with the form hereto annexed, and shall be proposed and seconded at a regular meeting. The petition shall be referred to the Committee of General Purposes for their consideration, and when reported on, a ballot shall be taken at a regular meeting. If, after being accepted, the candidate does not come forward for initiation within six months, another ballot shall be required.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

2. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft may be elected an Honorary Member by being recommended by two members in open lodge, and ballotted for and accepted at the next regular meeting.

He shall have the right to vote, if that privilege is conferred upon him at the time of his election.

## ARTICLE VI.

### BALLOT.

No person shall be initiated in, or become a member of this Lodge, if, on the ballot being taken, two black balls shall be found against him.

## ARTICLE VII.

### FEES AND DUES.

The fee for initiation shall be thirty dollars ; and for a joining member three dollars. The dues of all members residing within three miles of the Masonic Hall shall be forty cents per month ; and members residing beyond that limit shall pay twenty-five cents per month.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

Should any member allow his dues to fall in arrear for one year, his name shall be read out in open Lodge by the Secretary, after which a special notification, with a copy of this By-law, shall be sent to such member. If such arrears have not been paid before next regular meeting, then such defaulting member shall be suspended from membership. Should any member present become responsible for the payment of the said dues, or offer such excuse as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the defaulting member may be allowed to remain in good standing for one month, beyond which time the indulgence cannot be extended.

## ARTICLE IX.

## WITHDRAWAL.

Any member desiring to withdraw from the Lodge, having paid his dues in full, must place his resignation in writing before the Lodge, and if accepted, the Secretary shall furnish him with a certificate, or clearance, of good standing, under the Lodge Seal.

## ARTICLE X.

## INCURRING DEBTS.

No expenses shall be incurred, unless by a vote of the Lodge, previously obtained ; nor shall any account be paid until it has been approved by the Committee of General Purposes, and sanctioned by the Lodge ; and no account shall be paid without the signature of the Master.

## ARTICLE XI.

## SECRESY ENJOINED.

No member shall disclose or make known, by any means whatever, out of this Lodge, any of the proceedings, decisions, or business of any kind transacted within the same, to any person not a member of the Lodge ; and no member shall in open Lodge, either at labour or refreshment, make use of any profane, irreverent, or improper expressions or sentiments, or introduce any conversation or remark tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political or religious subjects, under the penalty of being censured or excluded from membership.

## ARTICLE XII.

## UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

All charges of unmasonic conduct must be preferred in writing and read in open Lodge, a copy of which shall be furnished the accused by the Secretary, with a notice of the time and place when and where such charges shall be investigated. On a charge being made, the Master shall refer the case to the Committee of General Purposes, who shall (should they fail to effect an amicable adjustment) investigate the same with a view to ascertain whether or not there are sufficient grounds for a trial, and if there be, they shall report all evidence bearing on the case to a regular meeting of the Lodge, without remark or comment, to which meeting the accused shall be summoned ; when, after an investigation before the Lodge, should the charge be proven, such punishment shall be inflicted as the brethren may deem just.

## ARTICLE XIII.

## SCRUTINEERS, &amp;C.

The Master shall, on the occasion of the Election of Officers, appoint three brethren to be scrutineers of ballot ; they shall examine the ballots and report the number of votes cast, when the Master shall declare the brother having a majority of all the votes cast duly elected. No nomination shall be made for any office.

## ARTICLE XIV.

## COMMITTEES.

1. The Master shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise provided for in these By-laws. All reports of

Committees shall be in writing, signed by a majority of the members. The Master and Secretary to be, *ex-officio*, members of all committees.

#### COMMITTEE ON SICK.

2. The Master shall, when required, appoint a Committee of three brethren to visit the sick or distressed members of this Lodge; and the Master may, on the recommendation of the said Committee, grant such relief as may be deemed advisable.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of the Lodge shall be conducted according to the following Rules of Order :—

- 1st. Reading and confirming minutes of previous meeting.
- 2nd. Reports of Committees.
- 3rd. Reading Correspondence.
- 4th. Receiving Petitions.
- 5th. Balloting for Candidates.
- 6th. Reading names of all brethren twelve months in arrear.
- 7th. General Business, Motions, Elections, &c.
- 8th. Initiation, Passing and Raising.

2. No motion shall be received unless submitted in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder thereon; nor be open for discussion until stated to the Lodge by the Master.

3. All motions shall be decided by a majority of

votes, unless otherwise provided. In the case of a tie, the Master to have a second or casting vote.

4. The votes of the members are given by each holding out his right hand, which hands shall be counted by the Master or Deacons, unless the numbers should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

5. A ballot shall be taken, when called for by two members, either before or after an open vote shall have been taken.

6. No brother shall speak twice on the same subject without the permission of the Master, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

7. A brother desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing, and respectfully addressing the Master, shall confine his remarks to the question, and observe due order and decorum.

8. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or what he has said, or to interrupt him, except to call him to order, shall be publicly reprimanded by the Master.

9. On a point of order being raised while a brother is speaking, or when called to order by the Master, he shall at once take his seat, when the point of order shall then be stated by the brother objecting; the master shall decide thereupon without debate, when, after having been set right, the brother may proceed.

10. No amendment to a motion shall be in order after



an amendment to an amendment, unless for the previous question or to lie on the table.

## ARTICLE XVI.

A brother violating any of the provisions of these By-laws, when not otherwise provided for, shall be liable, by a vote of the Lodge, to such punishment as the brethren may deem fit.

## ARTICLE XVII.

No additions, alterations, or amendments shall be made to these By-laws, unless one month's notice be given in writing in open Lodge, and the same shall have been sent to every member, and agreed to by at least two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, and confirmed.

Read and confirmed in open Lodge, the 10th day of September, 1868.

DANIEL SPRY,  
*W. Master.*

CHAS L. ROBERTS,  
*Secretary.*

Approved and confirmed.

A. A. STEVENSON,  
*Grand Master.*

MONTREAL, Oct. 24, 1868.



# PRAYERS.

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## *Invocation—First Degree.*

Vouchsafe thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant this candidate for masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our masonic art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honour and glory of thy holy name.—*So mote it be.*

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## *Invocation—Second Degree.*

We supplicate the continuance of thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before thee. May the work begun in thy name be continued to thy glory, and evermore established in us, by obedience to thy holy precepts.—*So mote it be.*

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## *Invocation—Third Degree.*

Almighty and Eternal Being, the Glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of thy providence, humbly implore thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in thy holy name, the continual dew of thy blessing; more especially we beseech thee to impart thy grace to this thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a master mason; endue him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not, but pass him safely under thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.—*So mote it be.*

## WORKING TOOLS.

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### E. A. DEGREE.

\* \* \* \* the Working Tools of an E. A. M., which are the 24-in. G., the C. G. and the C.

The 24-in. G. is to measure their work.

The C. G. is to knock off the rough and superfluous parts of stones, the better to fit them for the builder's use.

The C. is further to smooth and prepare the stone and render it fit for the hands of the more expert Craftsman.

But as we are not all O., but rather F. & A. or S. M., we apply these tools to our morals ; in this sense :

The 24-in. G. represents the twenty-four hours of the day ; part to be spent in prayer to Almighty God, part in labor and rest, and part to serve a friend or brother in time of need.

The C. G. represents the force of conscience, which should keep down all vain and unbecoming thoughts, so that our words and actions may ascend pure and unpolluted to the throne of grace.

The C. points out to us the advantage of education, by means of which we are rendered fit members for properly constituted society.

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### F. C. DEGREE.

\* \* \* \* the Working Tools of a F. C., which are the S., L., and P. R.

The S. is to try and adjust all rectangular corners of buildings, and assist in bringing rude matter into due form.

The L. is to lay levels and prove horizontals, and the P. R. is to try and adjust all uprights, whilst fixing them on their proper bases.

But as we are not all O., but rather F. & A. or S. M., we apply these tools to our morals ; in this sense,

The S. teaches morality, the L. equality, and the P. R. justness and uprightness of life and action ; so that by square conduct, level steps and upright intentions, we hope to ascend to those immortal mansions from whence all goodness emanates.

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#### M. M. DEGREE.

\* \* \* the Working Tools of a M. M., which are the S., P., and C.

The S. is an implement which acts on a centre pin, from whence a line is drawn, to mark out the ground for the foundation of the intended structure.

With the P. the skilful artist delineates the building in a draft or plan, for the inspection and guidance of the workmen.

The C. enables him with accuracy and precision to ascertain and determine the limits and proportions of its several parts.

But as we are not all O., but rather S. or F. & A. M., we apply these tools to our morals ; in this sense,

The S. points out that straight and undeviating line of conduct laid down for our guidance in the volume of the S. L.

The P. teaches us that all our words and actions are not only observed, but are recorded by the M. H., to whom we must render an account of our conduct through life.

The C. reminds us of his unerring and impartial justice, which, having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, will either reward or punish us as we have obeyed

or disregarded His Divine Commands. Thus, my brother, the working tools of a M. M. teach us to bear in mind and to act according to the laws of the Divine Creator, so that when we shall be summoned from this sublunary abode, we may ascend to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever.

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*Application for Joining.*

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, and Members of — Lodge No. —.

I, — of the — of — profession or addition, — aged — being a — Mason, am desirous of becoming a member of the — Lodge, No. —.

I was initiated, passed and raised in — No. — held at —, and am in good Masonic standing.

Dated at —, this — day of —, A. L. —.

Recommended by —

[Signature.]

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*Application for Initiation.*

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers, and Members of the Lodge of — No. —.

I, —, being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare that, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries of Free Masonry; that I am

prompted by a favourable opinion conceived of the Institution and a desire for knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

Witness my hand, this ———

Age ———, profession ———.

Recommended by ———  
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*Application for Withdrawal from Membership.*

To the Worshipful Master, &c.

I, Brother ———, being in good standing, and having paid up all dues, am desirous of withdrawing from membership in this Lodge, and therefore pray that my resignation be accepted, and the authorized Certificate, under the Lodge Seal, be prepared and delivered to me by the Secretary.

Witness my hand, this ———  
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*Certificate of Withdrawal.*

———— LODGE, No. —

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting :

This is to certify that Brother ———, who has signed his name in the margin, has duly withdrawn from membership in this Lodge ; and further, that he has paid up all dues, and leaves in good standing.

Given under our hands and Seal of the Lodge, this ———

———— W. M.

———— Secretary.

*Visitor's Test, (commonly called the Tyler's O.B.)*

I, ———, do hereby and hereon solemnly and sincerely swear that I have been regularly initiated, passed and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in a just and

legally constituted Lodge of such ; that I do not stand suspended or expelled, and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my Brethren.

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*Note on the Ballot.*

In balloting on a petition, every member present is expected to vote ; nor can he be excused from the discharge of this important duty, except by the unanimous consent of his brethren.

All members must therefore come up to the performance of this trust with firmness, candor, and a full determination to do right—to allow no personal timidity to forbid the deposit of a black ball, if the applicant is unworthy, and no illiberal prejudice to prevent the deposition of a white ball, if the character and qualifications of the candidate are unobjectionable.

The great object of the ballot is to secure the independence of the voter, and for this purpose, its secrecy should be inviolate.

No member can be called to an account for the ballot he has deposited.

No member should find fault or complain of the result of the ballot, for by so doing, he declares that he did not black the applicant ; and should all members who voted with white balls thus complain, or find fault, the brother having cast the black ball would be exposed, and the security of the ballot destroyed.

When an applicant has been blacked, he is to be notified by the Secretary, and the matter should remain a profound secret between the members of the fraternity and the applicant.

It is a gross Masonic offence for any member to make public the action of the Lodge in blacking an applicant.

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